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### THE ENGLISH CENSUS.

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The report of the committee appointed by the Treasury to inquire into certain questions connected with the taking of the English census includes among its recommendations the following:—

“(a) that the number of the population, and its distribution as regards ‘age and sex, be ascertained midway between the decennial periods at which a full census is taken;”

“(c) that if the enumeration be taken more frequently than hitherto a small permanent census branch of the department of the Registrar-General be established in England, if not also in Scotland and Ireland;

“(d) that, except to the extent to which second division clerks may be employed under the conditions which have been proposed by the Registrar-General for England, the census clerks selected for employment under that officer be chosen by open competition within suitable limits of age;

“(e) that the special attention of superintendent registrars and registrars be called to the importance of a very careful selection of enumerators;

“(f) that, in addition to the information hitherto obtained, columns be added to the householders’ schedule for enabling persons to be returned either as employers, employed, or neither employers nor employed, the propriety of publishing such returns to be a matter for subsequent determination;

“(g) that the term ‘rank’ be omitted from the column hitherto provided for ‘rank, profession, or occupation’;

“(h) that persons following no occupation, but deriving an income from property and other sources of a permanent character, be so returned, and that they be separately tabulated in the published reports;

“(i) that provision be made at the foot of the householders’ schedule for a statement as to whether the number of rooms occupied is less than five, the actual number in that case to be given, the publication of the results to be afterwards decided as under (f).”

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### TABULAR STANDARD OF VALUE.

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At the recent September meeting of the British Association the following proposal for an official index number to serve as a tabular